

(Received via email 05/12/2010)

Dear Chairman Isenberg;

I am forwarding this message on behalf of Mr. Paul Robershotte, Special Advisor, Integrated Water Resources Planning, South Pacific Division, US Army Corps of Engineers.

The Delta Stewardship Council (Council) has invited comments on the Interim Delta Plan that the Council is required to develop under California Water Code 85084. This Interim Delta Plan will be in effect until the Delta Plan is finalized and approved in 2012. The Council intends to include in this Interim Plan "early actions, projects, and programs proposed by federal, state, and local public agencies as well as non-governmental organizations."

This email transmits a list of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) projects and programs that pertain most directly to the California Bay-Delta.

The missions of USACE include Flood Risk Management, Ecosystem Restoration, Navigation, Environmental Protection, and Emergency Preparedness and Response. We understand that the Interim Delta Plan will cover all, or most, of these mission areas. USACE has many active studies and projects throughout the Central Valley and the State. The projects highlighted in the attached list are: (1) Delta Islands and Levees Feasibility Study; (2) CALFED Levee Stability Program; (3) Lower San Joaquin River Feasibility Study; (4) Central Valley Integrated Flood Management Study; (5) Sacramento River Deep Water Ship Channel Project; (6) San Francisco Bay to Stockton Navigation Improvement Project; and (7) Delta Long Term Management Strategy (Delta LTMS). USACE and our non-Federal project partners share project planning and construction costs.

USACE also has regulatory jurisdiction, primarily under the following three authorities: (1) Section 404 of the Clean Water Act for the discharge of dredged or fill material in waters of the United States (33 USC 1201 et seq.) (Section 404); (2) Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act for working in navigable waters (33 USC 403) (Section 10); and (3) Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 USC 408) for the alternation of a Federal project (to include sea wall, jetty, dike, levee, wharf, pier, or other work) (Section 408). Current and impending projects under the jurisdiction of these authorities in or affecting the Delta include the Bay Delta Habitat Conservation Plan and Delta Habitat Conservation and Conveyance Program, San Joaquin River Restoration Program, River Islands at Lathrop Section 408 action, Reclamation District 17 100-Year Levee Seepage Area Program Phase 3 Section 408, Two Gates Project, Tracy Abandoned Intake Project, Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project, North Delta Aqueduct Project, South Delta Aqueduct Project, and Westlake (recently permitted but not yet constructed).

Please let us know if you need additional information. We look forward to working with the Delta Stewardship Council and others as you develop the Interim Delta Plan.

Sincerely,

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